(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, and

(g) the time by which the connections are likely to be provided to the persons enlisted upto 31.1.96 in Gurgaon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sir, the existing ratio for providing telephone connections under various categories of registration is as follows :

OYT	40%
Non-OYT (Spl.)	20%
Non-OYT (Gen.)	40%

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Details of telephone connections provided in each category in Gurgaon registered after 1.1.96 are given below:

OYT	2917
Non-OYT (Spl.)	726
Non-OYT (Gen.)	NIL

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Not applicable in view of (e) above.

(g) The connections in Non-OYT General Category already released upto 1.1.96. The connections upto 31.1.96 are likely to be released within two months after proposed expansion subject to technical feasibility.

[Translation]

Agreement with World Bank for Improvement in Power Sector

3559. DR. ARVIND SHARMA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Haryana Government has signed any agreement with the World Bank for bringing about improvement in the power sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the terms and conditions of the agreement;

(c) whether said agreement is in the interest of the State; and

(d) if so, how and the manner in which it is likely to be in the interest of the State after its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[English]

Improvement of Railway Stations

3560. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the measures taken to improve the railway stations and platforms at Bibinagar, Nalgonda Chityala, Miryal Guda of Nalgonda district during the last two years till date?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : Improvements to railway stations is a continuous process and the same is undertaken wherever so warranted by growth in traffic. Amenities commensurate with the volume of traffic handled has already been provided at Bibinagar, Nalgonda, Chityala, Miryal Guda railway stations. As a measure of further improvement provision of cover of platform at Bibinagar and extension & raising of platform at Nalgonda stations have been taken up.

Gauge Conversion from Naupada-Gunupur

3561. SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the funds provided by the Government for the conversion of Naupada-Gunupur narrow gauge line into broad gauge line (S.E. Railway) since its approval; and

(b) the funds provided for techno-economic survey of broad gauge line from Gunupur to Rayagada to connect the missing link so far and the progress of the work thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) The work has been included in the budget at a cost of Rs. 47 crores with a token outlay of Rs. 1 lakh in 1997-98. The work is to be taken up after the requisite clearance have been obtained.

(b) The survey has been completed as such no outlay is required in current year.

Privatisation of Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station

3562. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the three parts — generation-transmission-distribution of the power plant BTPS (Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station) are going to be handed over to the private hands;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any assessment of likely impacts of this agreement on the consumers has been made; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.